



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Group Art Unit: 1771

Appln. No.: 09/374,117

Examiner: L. Roche

Filing Date: August 16, 1999

For: **MULTILAYER BREATHABLE FILM**

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June 21, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of this CPA, kindly consider and enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly enter the following amended claims.

26. (Twice Amended) A multilayer breathable film having the combination of properties of:

- (i) providing a barrier to microorganisms; and
- (ii) providing a barrier to blood and bodily fluids;

said breathable film comprising at least a three-layer film having as a minimum the following structure:

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